



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA ABSTRACT

Public Services – Allegation of corruption against Sri Pulipaka Ravi Kumar, Office Superintendent, Pay and Accounts Department-1 Section, Pay & Accounts Office, Hyderabad – Sanction of prosecution Orders under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 52.

Dated:28.04.2015

ORDER:

Whereas, Sri PulipakaRavi Kumar, S/o. Late P.R.K.Murthy, worked as Office Superintendent, PAD-1 Section, P.A.O., Hyderabad from 12.01.2011 to 25.02.2014. By virtue of the post held by Sri Pulipaka Ravi Kumar, he is a Public Servant within the meaning of clause (c) of Section 2 of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Central Act 49 of 1988).

2. That Sri YerraVittal, S/o. Late Y.Chandrappa, occ: Dy.Collector (Retd.), worked as Dy.Collector (Addl. Project Director) and retired from service on 30.11.2012 from Nalgonda District. The CCLA has sanctioned Earned leave encashment for (300) days. During the 1st week of December 2013 the bill was presented to the Pay and Accounts Office located in LIC building, Abids, Hyderabad, vide Token No.270321 for Rs.6,24,158/-. He believed that the bill will be passed in a routine manner, but he came to know that, the bill was returned to furnish retirement proceedings and service register. Again, the same bill was presented from the CCLA, A.P., to Pay & Accounts Office, vide Token No.290440, dt.04.01.2014 duly furnishing retirement proceedings without service register as it is in A.G. Office for sanction of pension. On 07.02.2014, he went to the office of PAO, Abids to know the reasons for delaying the bill and met the concerned superintendent Sri Ravi Kumar and enquired about his bill. Then Sri Ravi Kumar demanded him to give Rs.6000/- as bribe to process and forward the bill otherwise the bill will be returned by citing any other reasons. Then he expressed his inability to give Rs.6,000/- as bribe and left the office. Later he came to know that again the bill was returned to CCLA and the authorities of CCLA again resubmitted the bill to PAO vide Token No.336264, dt.15.02.2014. On 17.02.2014, he approached Sri Ravi Kumar, Superintendent and submitted the Xerox copy of his Service Register and requested to process the bill. But, Sri Ravi Kumar could not heed his words and demanded him to pay Rs.6,000/- as bribe to process and forward the bill. On which, he expressed his inability to pay the bribe and left the office. On 24.02.2014 at 11:30 hours he again approached Sri Ravi Kumar, Superintendent and enquired about the status of his bill. Then, Sri Ravi Kumar replied that he prepared to return the bill. Sri Ravi Kumar further demanded to pay the bribe amount Rs.6,000/- the next day i.e., 25.02.2014 to pass the bill, otherwise, the bill will be returned. As he has no other alternative he agreed to pay the bribe amount Rs.6,000/-. Then Sri Ravi Kumar instructed him to hand over the bribe the next day to Ravi Kumar or the person to whom he directs at his office.

3. As the complainant Sri YerraVittal was not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount, on 24.02.2014 the complainant Sri YerraVittal attended the office of the Dy. Supdt., of Police, A.C.B., City Range-1, Hyderabad at 14:00 hours and gave complaint against Sri Ravi Kumar. The complainant of Sri YerraVittal was endorsed to the Inspector, for verifications and after due verifications, the complaint of the de-facto complainant Sri YerraVittal was registered as a case in Cr.No.06/ACB-CR-1/2014, U/s 7 of P.C.Act, 1988 and the D.S.P., proposed to lay a trap against Sri Ravi Kumar.

4. On the date of trap the complainant entered into the office room of Sri P.Ravi Kumar at 1:50 P.M. After few minutes, i.e., at about 01:55 P.M the complainant Sri YerraVittal came out from the section along with one person holding cotton carry bag towards the ground floor. After reaching the ground floor, the person accompanied the complainant asked the complainant to drop the bribe amount in a bag which is carried by him by opening the bag widely. Accordingly,

the complainant dropped the bribe amount in the bag carried by the said person. Then the complainant gave the prearranged signal by wiping his face with hand kerchief, indicating the demand and acceptance of the bribe at 2.00 P.M. Then the DSP, ACB, mediators and the trap party members immediately rushed towards the person who accepted the bribe amount and caught hold of him along with the bag. Then, the said person was found shocked and informed that he has received the bribe amount on the instructions of Sri P.Ravi Kumar. On further enquiry he stated his name as R.Srinivas Reddy and he has been working in Collectorate office as office sub-ordinate. Then, R.Srinivas Reddy took the ACB officials and mediators to the table of Sri P.Ravi Kumar and pointed towards Sri P.Ravi Kumar and stated that Sri P.Ravi Kumar instructed him to accept the bribe amount. Then, the DSP organized the chemical test on the both hand fingers of R.Srinivas Reddy in two separate glass tumblers. When he did so, the colourless solution remained unchanged and both the hands yielded negative result. Then, the DSP ACB asked him to show the bribe amount, on which he opened the bag carried by him and showed the bribe amount. The mediators received the said wad of currency notes and counted the same and got compared the numbers with those of the numbers noted in Mediator Report-1 and on verification, the denomination and the serial numbers of the notes are found tallied with the numbers noted in the Mediator Report-1. Accordingly, the amount was seized by the DSP. Further, the DSP seized the green and white colour cotton bag of R.Srinivas Reddy. Then, the DSP organized the chemical test with cotton swab on the inner flap of the bag and contact surface of files available in the bag where the tainted bribe amount was dropped by the complainant as per the instructions of Sri R.Srinivas Reddy. The DSP got prepared Sodium Carbonate Solution in another glass tumbler and subjected the collected swab to Sodium Carbonate Solution test by dipping the wiped cotton swab in the Sodium carbonate Solution on which the solution turned into pink colour. It yielded positive result as the cotton bag and files available in the bag came into contact with the tainted bribe amount. The resultant solution is transferred into a glass bottle is labeled attested and seized for the purpose of investigation. Further, the DSP asked Sri P.Ravi Kumar about the file pertaining to official favour i.e., the bill pertaining to Sri Y.Vittal, Sri P.Ravi Kumar took out the bill along with the Xerox copy of service book of Sri Y.Vittal from his table drawer and handed over to the DSP, ACB. The DSP ACB perused the bill and found that the bill is containing 10 sheets pages.

5. And whereas the above said acts of Sri Pulipaka Ravi Kumar, Office Superintendent, PAD-1 Section, P.A.O., Hyderabad constitute offences punishable U/s 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. And whereas, Principal Secretary to Government of Telangana State being the competent authority to remove the said Pulipaka Ravi Kumar, Office Superintendent, PAD-1 Section, P.A.O., Hyderabad from the Government service, carefully examined the material placed before them i.e., copies of FIR, Mediators Reports-I and II and Final investigation report, in respect of the above said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, and after duly applying his mind considered that the said Pulipaka Ravi Kumar, Office Superintendent, PAD-1 Section, P.A.O., Hyderabad should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the aforesaid offences.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government of Telangana do hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Pulipaka Ravi Kumar, Office Superintendent, PAD-1 Section, P.A.O., Hyderabad for the above said offences punishable under Section 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of above said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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SPL. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(IF)

To

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